

ATTACHMENT - REMARKS

By this Amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 4 (now canceled). Other minor claim changes have also been made. It is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance for the following reasons.

In the *Claim Rejections* - 35 USC § 102 section of the DETAILED ACTION, independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-3 and 7 were rejected under 35 USC § 102 or § 103 as being anticipated by the Shea patent or obvious over the Shea patent without or with an additional reference. However, in the following *Allowable Subject Matter* section of the Action, the examiner indicated that dependent claims 4-6 contained allowable subject matter. This indication of allowable subject matter is appreciated.

In view of the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 4, it will thus be appreciated that independent claim 1 has been amended to include this allowable subject matter and hence to make claim 1 allowable (and also amended to correct a grammatical error). In addition, dependent claim 4 has been canceled; and claim 5 previously dependent on claim 4 is now made dependent on claim 1. Since claim 1 is now allowable, claims 2-3 and 5-7 dependent on claim 1 are also now all allowable.

Also in the *Allowable Subject Matter* section, it was indicated that independent claim 8 and claims 9-16 dependent therefrom were allowed. Thus, all claims in this application are now allowable or already allowed.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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